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1. After the Kungang-san tungsten mine was closed on 15 July 1951 because of difficulties in transporting explosives and carbide to the mine areas at 128-07, 38-42 (DU-2383) and 128-04, 38-42 (DU-1963), the 380 employees of the mine were transferred to the Koksan tungsten mine (127-05, 38-50) (DU-3400) by order of the director of the Office of Mine Administration, North Korean Ministry of Industry. Each employee received 1,000 North Korean won for expenses during the 6-day journey, made on foot, and 500 North Korean won for each member of the employee's family. At Koksan each person received a physical examination; those failing the examination were assigned to posts in the county and village Labor Party committees or to women and youth associations.
2. In March 1952, 16 tons of tungsten were in the gallery of the Kungang-san mine, 2 tons of tungsten were in a building at Kuman-mi (127-57, 38-55) (DU-0908), formerly used by the fishery association, and 1 ton of molybdenite was buried at Onchong-mi (3306/0064/6849), Oelungtang-myon (1126/6855/0474/7240). The price of 1 ton of tungsten was 60,000 North Korean won, and 1 ton of molybdenite, 238,000 North Korean won.
3. United Nations air attack destroyed the buildings at the mine in April and May 1951. Shelters and barracks replaced the destroyed buildings.
4. During 1950, when the mining operations had not been fully developed, the mine produced 96 tons of tungsten and 10 tons of molybdenite. At the closing of the mine in July 1951, KOMI Tae-yong (1343/1129/3938), formerly director of mine operations, and 14 other persons assumed control of the machinery and tools until the mine should be reopened by the Ministry of Industry.

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By early March 1952 the North Korean Ministry of Industry had invited 20 Soviet and 15 Chinese Communist technicians to aid in rehabilitating the fertilizer plant at Hungnam.¹ The technicians were to live in residence formerly used by the factory. In March the plant employed 3,700 men and 1,200 women, approximately one-third of the number employed before the Korean war, and was shipping an average of five-hundred bags of fertilizer daily in Soviet ZIS trucks. The majority of the men were more than 40 years old and had been conscripted. Daily wages included 400 North Korean won, 2 hop of cereal, and 1 hop of rice. The Ministry of Industry committee directing the rehabilitation included the following personnel.

WAN Tong-yol: chairman of the committee.

YI Ki-p'ung: deputy chairman.

SONG Cha-hop: director of the committee's administration section.

KIM Kil-man: director of the construction section.

PAK Chong-kyu:² director of the labor section.

YI Mun-ho: director of the research section.

CHONG Ki-t'aek: director of the materials section.

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1. [] Comment. Products and organization of the Hungnam fertilizer plant in early and late 1950 were reported [] In January 1952 the North Korean government was preparing to move machines of the plant which had not been damaged by air attack to Pon'gung (127-34, 39-52) (CV-7713) to

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25X1 produce arms and ammunition. Pon'gung is part of the Hungnam industrial complex. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. In March 1950 PAK Chong-kyu was director of the production section, Planning Bureau, North Korean Ministry of Industry.

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